# SEPTEMBER

**Communication**

**Class Website**

Some of the students in the class have been working on a class website. This will be a place where student work can be displayed, blogs, class pictures and video (with parent permission). It will be operational this month. The purpose of the website is an attempt to provide parents with more of a window into what goes on in class and school. We would only show pictures or videos that show a student in a positive way. The web address is http://fitzmills.wikispaces.com/wiki/about

**Agenda**

I ask the students each day if there are any notes from their parents. If there is homework we record it at the end of the day. If there is neglect of homework I will notify you. Students are welcome to use calendars on their electronic devices as well.

**Contact Information**

Please feel free to contact me anytime by:

Phone: 613-628-2606

Email fitzmauricem@renfrew.edu.on.ca

Mr. Fitzmaurice

**Grade 6/7 News Letter**

News

**September is off to a fantastic start!** The students have been working extremely hard, getting along very well with each other and having fun. All the kids have been pitching in around the classroom to help everything run smoothly. It is a real pleasure to teach such a hardworking group of really delightful children.

The year is off to a great start.

This year Mrs. Mills and I are team teaching. The students switch classes each day for language and science instruction with Mrs. Mills, while I teach her class math and physical education.

This is the first year that technology devices are welcome during class time. Students are welcome to bring in laptops, IPods, and IPads. The school now has free Wi-Fi throughout the school. The electronic devices are the responsibility of the student.

For physical education the students do a great deal of running and sweating. It is extremely important that they have proper running shoes and gym clothes every day.

Mrs. Mills and I want your child to have a fantastic year. If there is anything we can do help your child succeed please do not hesitate to contact us.

# **Curriculum Connection**

**Current Topics**

In class we are currently uncovering the following the following topics:

**Math**

* We just completed two diagnostic assessments to see the strengths and weaknesses of each child.
* Developing number sense by examining prime numbers, composite numbers, factors, multiples.
* Developing meaning and strategies for computations.

**Social Studies**

* In our first social studies unit we will be learning about the different First Nations People across Canada and how the used the natural environment to live.

**Physical Education**

* We are just starting flag football. Take your child outside and let them show you there great football skills. They will be learning a great deal about passing, catching, pass patterns, flag pulling, and conditioning.
* Our next topic will be volleyball in October.

**Homework**

The amount of homework may increase slightly this month. The students are almost always given ample time to complete assignments at school. Most days there will be one worksheet to complete to re-enforce the math concepts uncovered that day. Incomplete work or assignments will be sent home for completion.

An important part of homework is review of material covered. Students can review terms, definitions, and redo math questions. This is a great opportunity for students to determine difficulties and prepare questions for class the next day. Students are always encouraged to see me if they are having any difficulties.

The most important things in life are family events. If a child is unable to complete an assignment because of a family event, just write me a note. Please take a minute to fill out the form below and return to school with your child.

Yours in Education,

Mike Fitzmaurice

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are to help the school see how much investment in technology would

be beneficial for our students and how I can best use technology in our class.

We have internet at home Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

My child has an electronic device that can access WI-FI Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

My child is allowed to bring their electronic device to school Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Parent email address for newsletters and communication (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My child has an email address Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Student email (for class website access): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to have an email address assigned to them Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes we can send you the email address and password so you can monitor usage.

**Class Website Permission** (Please check appropriate box)

**I give** permission for photographs and video of my child to be used on the class website.

or

**I do not give** permission for photographs and video of my child to be used on the website.

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Name of Child Parent Name Parent Signature

Any additional comments or concerns: